

## **SURVEY OF INCOME AND PROGRAMS PARTICIPATION (SIPP)**

The SIPP collects sources and amounts of income, labour force information, program participation and eligibility data, and general demographic characteristics in order to a) measure the effectiveness of existing federal, state, and local programs; b) estimate future costs and coverage for government programs, such as food stamps; and c) to provide improved statistics on the distribution of income in the country.

### **Listing of study variables & measurement of variables**

The questionnaire is modular in design, containing both items measured repeatedly and items which vary from wave to wave. The core, i.e., the part containing questions asked at every interview, includes five major sections:

1. Labor force and Reciprocity. Gathers information on labor force activity, whether the person participates in various programs, and the various types of income and assets the respondent receives or owns.
2. Earnings and employment. Collects data on employment and earnings from specific wage or salary jobs, or self-employment.
3. Amounts of income received. Lists amounts of income from the sources identified in section 1 or from assets.
4. A short set of program questions. Asks this information only of the householder.
5. Missing wave. Collects previous wave data for persons who missed the preceding interview.

### **Sociodemographic variables:**

- age
- educational attainment & attendance in postsecondary schools
- marital status
- persons entering or leaving household with dates

### **Health topical module:**

- health characteristics
- disability
- private health insurance coverage